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60. The method of any one of claims 52-59, wherein said nucleic acid comprises recombinant nucleic acid.

61. The method of claim 60, wherein said recombinant nucleic acid is labelled.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 10-13, 19, and 21 have been cancelled.

Claims 42-61 have been added. Upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment, claims 42-61 are pending in this application.

The specification has been amended to properly state that the present application is a division, not a continuation, of application Serial No. 08/392,613. Applicants mistakenly checked the wrong box on page 2 of the application papers.

Please note that Applicants made the same mistake on page 1 of the application papers, as well.

The claims have been amended to claim subject matter not elected for prosecution in the predecessor applications. Specifically, new claims 42-61 are drawn to the subject matter of Group VI, hybridization methods, as identified in the December 11, 1992 Office Action in application Serial No. 07/792,524.

Since these new claims claim subject matter originally claimed in a predecessor application as filed, this Preliminary Amendment presents no new matter.

Applicants respectfully request entry of this Preliminary Amendment and timely examination of this application.

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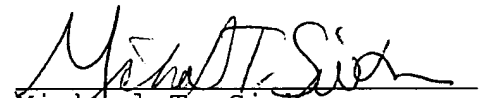
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